

FINAL Community Leaders Group (CLG) Meeting Summary
Portland Harbor Superfund Site | Briefing + Discussion with EPA & DEQ
Wednesday, December 11, 2019 | Polish Library Association & Grandpa's Cafe

Actions	Who?	Status
1. Final ESD: Distribute the Final Explanation of Significant Difference (ESD) Fact Sheet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Final ESD Fact Sheet and respond regarding whether a community information session is needed. 	EPA Staff to CLG CLG to Laura Knudsen	Complete on 12/17/19 By 3/11/2020 community leaders meeting
2. Superfund Site Status: Share if there have been any proposed changes to the Record of Decision (ROD) at other Superfund Sites.	EPA Staff to CLG	By early February 2020
3. Collaborative Group Recommendation: Discuss the Collaborative Group recommendation internally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm the next steps and share. 	EPA and DEQ EPA and DEQ to CLG	By 1/10/2020 By 3/11/2020 community leaders meeting
4. Agenda Subgroup: Schedule three one-hour phone calls/meetings between January – March.	Triangle with (b) (6)	By late January 2020

Welcome, Agenda, and Introductions – led by Triangle Associates

The meeting started with a round of introductions from the meeting participants. In total, 16 community leaders were in attendance (see Appendix A: List of Participants). The Community Leaders provided their names and affiliations.

The Facilitator welcomed Gail Fricano, Technical Consultant, who works on behalf of the Five Tribes and is a member of the Technical Coordinating Team (TCT).

The Facilitator welcomed (b) (6), Occupy St. Johns, to provide a Willamette River Water and a Tribal Lands acknowledgment. (b) (6) remarked on the relationship shared among the meeting attendees, the river, and the land and read a poem about water.

The Facilitator provided an overview of the meeting logistics, covered the grounds rules, and reviewed the meeting agenda topics. The Facilitator noted that there was an upcoming decision for the Community Leaders Group (CLG) to consider at the meeting.

Meeting Purpose

An outline of the meeting purpose/objectives were provided to the meeting participants as follows:

- Receive general, site-wide and specific area updates from EPA and ask any clarifying questions on source control from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
- Receive a presentation and revised proposal from the Agenda Subgroup on how to move the CLG forward.
- Use the adopted consensus-based decision-making process to decide on the revised proposal.

EPA General Updates – Laura Knudsen, Davis Zhen, and Sean Sheldrake

The Facilitator introduced Laura Knudsen, EPA Region 10 Community Involvement Coordinator, Davis Zhen, EPA Region 10 Section Chief, and Sean Sheldrake, EPA Region 10 Remedial Project Manager, to provide EPA General Updates. The updates shared by Laura, Davis, and Sean are captured in the table below.

General Topic Area	Actions and Status
Portland Harbor Community Involvement Plan (CIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPA has completed a draft CIP and a first round of review by the EPA Portland Harbor team.• Laura has met with several of the Community Leaders in person and received their informal feedback on the CIP.• The next round of review will be completed by the Technical Coordinating Team (TCT) prior to public release. The anticipated public release of the CIP is in February 2020.
EPA's role in Tank Farms at the Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPA stated that the topic of tank farms was suggested by a Community Leader as a potential future topic.• EPA explained that they do not have jurisdiction over the tank farms beyond inspections to ensure that they are adequately performing.• EPA noted that tank farms could be revisited as a future meeting topic and Emergency Inspection Staff could potentially provide a presentation.
EPA Pre-Remedial Design (Pre-RD) Work Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPA held a meeting with the Pre-RD Group to review technical interpretations of the data collected in the baseline sampling study.• As part of an agreement with the Pre-RD Group, EPA has provided responses to the final conclusions from the Pre-RD Group report, EPA issued a notice of completion and has deemed the Administrative Agreement and Order on Consent (ASAOC) complete.
EPA Staffing Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPA introduced Benjamin Leake, a new Remedial Project Manager (RPM) for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site (the Site). Benjamin is working full-time from the Oregon Operations Office.• EPA shared a new Senior RPM will be hired for the Site.
Superfund Job Training Initiative (SuperJTI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPA has continued the discussion regarding forming the SuperJTI program at the Site.• EPA is interested in potentially scoping additional resources/support for the SuperJTI program.
Final Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPA shared that the Final Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) has been signed by the EPA Administrator.• EPA developed a fact sheet regarding the Final ESD and shared it with the Community Leaders.• EPA will follow up with the Community Leaders to hear their feedback and determine if additional community information sessions are needed for the Final ESD.

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General Overview of Background Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA provided updates regarding the background levels for the Site Cleanup. • As stated in the Record of Decision (Section 9.1.4), EPA evaluated sediment contaminant concentrations in locations that were not influenced by releases from the Site and were either naturally occurring or anthropogenic (due to human activity). If background concentrations are higher than the cleanup level, EPA defaults to the background concentration as a matter of policy. • EPA stated this topic could be discussed more at a future meeting

Agenda Subgroup Presentation: Revised Proposal Regarding the Future of the Community Leaders Group (CLG)

The Facilitator provided an overview of the Agenda Subgroup’s process steps taken between the September 11 and December 11 meetings. This included:

- A reminder that the consensus-based decision-making framework had been adopted by the CLG at the September 11 meeting;
- That the Agenda Subgroup provided significant input on the December 11 meeting topics;
- The Agenda Subgroup’s substantial effort to revise the CLG’s previous Collaborative Group proposal, incorporate the CLG’s interests, and provide a revised proposal for consideration and decision; and
- The EPA and Facilitation Team’s outreach efforts to communicate with the CLG members regarding the revised Collaborative Group proposal.

The Facilitator introduced (b) (6), Portland Harbor Community Coalition, and (b) (6), Linnton Neighborhood Association, to provide an overview of the revised Collaborative Group proposal and the key components for the CLG’s consideration. The presentation included the revised purpose statement of the Collaborative Group, the membership, and roles, steering committee purpose, proposed structure, schedule, decision-making, etc. For more detail, please see the [revised PHSS Collaborative proposal](#).

The Facilitator reminded the CLG that the revised Collaborative Group Proposal was developed by the Agenda Subgroup and the information was still in “draft” and “proposed” for review and potential revision by the CLG. In response to the information shared in the presentation, the Community Leaders made comments and posed questions regarding the following topics.

- **Schedule:** One member flagged the number of meetings the new structure would require (four-to-six).
- **Membership:** Several members discussed the number of participants in the Collaborative Group. Members suggested increasing the number of potentially responsible parties (PRPs) invited to participate from one-to-three to three-to-five and invite them on a rotating basis depending on relevant topics and the availability of information.
- **Interest Groups:** One member suggested adding Technical Advisors to the list of Collaborative Group participants in an “observer” role.
- **Structure:** Regarding changing the structure of the current CLG meetings, two members clarified the Collaborative Group would replace the CLG meetings to reduce the number of meetings in a year and create efficient use of meeting time.
- **PRP Involvement:** Some members stated the proposed format of the Collaborative Group does not include detailed language about PRP participants, the level of involvement PRP participants may have in the cleanup, and how the community can engage and educate PRPs in the cleanup process. Members shared suggestions on how to encourage PRPs to join the Collaborative Group effort including using the term “currently active”, conducting outreach with PRPs by engaging them consistently and with the objective of educating them, adding distinctions between the public agency and non-public agency PRPs, and having a set of expectations for PRPs and other partners.

- **Stipend and Grant Funding:** Some members discussed the importance of grant funding for participants of the Collaborative Group. Members said that there may be opportunities for grant funding outside of the EPA process which could be used to compensate participants of the Collaborative Group.
- **Tribal Engagement:** One member asked about whether tribes have shown interest in the Collaborative Group. The Facilitator clarified that since this document is still in a draft proposed format it has not yet been shared with tribal representatives or members outside of the CLG.
- **Decision-Making:** Members clarified that the Collaborative Group will not make decisions; the group will instead attempt to reach consensus on recommendations to submit to EPA & DEQ.

Following the presentation and the discussion, the Facilitator reminded the CLG of the opportunity to make a decision on the revised proposal using the adopted consensus-based decision-making framework. The CLG members proposed the group adopt the PHSS Collaborative proposal. **CLG members reached consensus and adopted the PHSS Collaborative Group proposal.**

The Facilitator stated that EPA and DEQ would review the proposal internally and determine and share the next steps.

Presentation: Overview of Site-wide and Specific-Area Updates, led by Sean Sheldrake, EPA

This agenda topic was led by Sean Sheldrake, EPA Region 10 Remedial Project Manager, who provided a site-wide overview and specific area updates. Sean referenced a Portland Harbor Superfund Site Update map provided by EPA which indicated several site-wide updates since the September 11 meeting.

Sean discussed updates at River Mile 11 East and noted remedial design work is ongoing at the site. Sean noted, there is a fact sheet for River Mile 11 East that it is currently being updated. He briefly discussed Willamette Cove and noted that the agreements between EPA and PRPs are imminent at the site. ***Update after December 11: On December 13, it was announced that the Willamette Cove In-Water Remedial Design Agreement was signed by the State, City, Port of Portland, and Settling Federal Agencies.***

Sean provided an update on Terminal 4 and noted that EPA is commenting on the design investigation sampling for this area. He also shared that the Gasco/Siltronic site is moving through the design process, that most data needed for the design was collected in the fall of 2019, and that more data will be collected in the spring of 2020.

Sean briefly explained the upcoming Site-wide Institutional Control Implementation and Assurance Plan (ICIAP) and the Information Management Plan. He stated that the State of Oregon and the City of Portland plan to conduct a needs assessment process to determine how to make Superfund site information transparent and accessible. He continued that it would take approximately two years before the ICIAP plan is complete and the scoping of the Information Management System is finalized.

Lastly, Sean noted that EPA is planning to provide updates on signed agreements in January 2020.

Opportunity to Ask DEQ Clarifying Questions on Source Control

The Facilitator asked community leaders if they had any clarifying questions for DEQ (Sarah Greenfield, Dave Lacey, Lauren Wirtis). (b) (6) asked Dave some clarifying questions on the UPRR-Albina Yard. Dave stated that UPRR signed a Voluntary Agreement with DEQ in 2001 to complete a Remedial Investigation and Source Control Evaluation; this agreement is still in effect.

Wrap Up and Reminder of Public Forum with Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

The Facilitator summarized the meeting action items and decisions and asked for volunteers to be members of the Agenda Subgroup while preparing for the March 11, 2020 meeting. The following Community Leaders volunteered:

- (b) (6) Village Coalition - The City Repair Project
- (b) (6), Linnton Neighborhood Association
- (b) (6) Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group (CAG)

The next Community Leader Briefing meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 (location TBD).

ATTACHMENT A – Community Leaders in Attendance

Community Leader	Affiliation	In Attendance?
(b) (6)	African American Breastfeeding Coalition	
(b) (6)	Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon	
(b) (6)	Audubon Society of Portland	✓
(b) (6)	Audubon Society of Portland	
(b) (6)	Blue Green Alliance	✓
(b) (6)	Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association	
(b) (6)	Confluence Center	
(b) (6)	CRITFC	
(b) (6)	CRITFC	
(b) (6)	East European Coalition	
(b) (6)	East European Coalition	✓
(b) (6)	Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	
(b) (6)	Get Hooked Foundation	
(b) (6)	Get Hooked Foundation	
(b) (6)	Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)	
(b) (6)	Iraqi Society of Oregon	
(b) (6)	Iraqi Society of Oregon	✓
(b) (6)	Kenton Neighborhood Association	
(b) (6)	Korean American Coalition	
(b) (6)	Latino Network	
(b) (6)	League of Women Voters	
(b) (6)	League of Women Voters	✓
(b) (6)	Linnton Neighborhood Association	✓
(b) (6)	NAACP - Portland Chapter	
(b) (6)	Native American Youth Association	
(b) (6)	Native American Youth Association	
(b) (6)	Native American Youth Association	
(b) (6)	North Willamette Watershed Council	✓
(b) (6)	Occupy St. Johns	✓
(b) (6)	Old Town Community Association	
(b) (6)	Oregon Bass and Panfish Club	
(b) (6)	Oregon Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association	
(b) (6)	Oregon Community Health Workers Association (ORCHWA)	
(b) (6)	Oregon Inter-Tribal Breastfeeding Coalition	
(b) (6)	Oregon Tradeswomen	
(b) (6)	Overlook Neighborhood Association	
(b) (6)	Overlook Neighborhood Association and Hazelnut Grove	
(b) (6)	Overlook Neighborhood Association and Hazelnut Grove	
(b) (6)	Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group (CAG)	
(b) (6)	Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group (CAG)	✓
(b) (6)	Portland Harbor Community Coalition	✓

Community Leader	Affiliation	In Attendance?
(b) (6)	Portland Harbor Community Coalition	✓
(b) (6)	Portland Harbor Community Coalition	✓
(b) (6)	Portland North East Neighborhood Association	✓
(b) (6)	Right 2 Survive	
(b) (6)	Russian Oregon Social Services	
(b) (6)	Sauvie Island Grange	
(b) (6)	Sierra Club	
(b) (6)	Sierra Club	
(b) (6)	Sierra Club	
(b) (6)	Somali American Council of Oregon	
(b) (6)	Somali American Council of Oregon	
(b) (6)	St. Johns Neighborhood Association	
(b) (6)	Verde	
(b) (6)	Vietnamese Community of Oregon	
(b) (6)	Village Coalition - The City Repair Project	✓
(b) (6) (b) (6)	Willamette River Advocacy Group	✓
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(b) (6)	Willamette Riverkeeper	
(b) (6)	Wisdom of the Elders	
(b) (6)	Wisdom of the Elders	
(b) (6)	Wisdom of the Elders	
(b) (6)	Wisdom of the Elders	✓